GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2342
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2002
PROTECTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request from the members of the United Committee of Manipur to deploy the National Highway Protection Force on the National Highway linking Manipur with the rest of the country due to activities of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland who have unleased a reign of terror on the National Highways;

(b) if so, the time by which the Government propose to deploy National Highway Protection Force on National Highway in North Eastern Region particularly in N.H. Nos. 39 and 53;

(c) whether the ethnic conflicts have intensified with the extension of ceasefire by the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government of Manipur had earlier submitted a proposal for implementing a National Highway Patrolling Scheme. The State Government was advised to implement the scheme and claim reimbursement of the expenditure as per approved guidelines of the scheme for Reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure.

(c)&(d): There are no reports about intensification of ethnic conflicts. However, steps taken by the Central Government in this regard inter alia includes, coordinated action by Army, Paramilitary forces and the State Police Forces for counter-militancy operations, reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Governments and modernization/upgradation of State Police Forces. Regular review of the situation both at the level of State and Central Government is also being made.